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SUBJECT: GERMAN MFA INTEREST IN DIALOGUE ON IRAQI AFFAIRS.

REF: A) BAGHDAD 1037 B) 77 BONN 17452 C) 77 BONN 17392
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1. MFA BONN HAS SUGGESTED THROUGH FIRST SECRETARY OTTO SCHNITTGER OPENING A DIALOGUE ON IRAQI AFFAIRS BETWEEN YOU AND NORBERT MONTFORT, OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR THE MAGHREB AND THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. MONTFORT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING IRAQI SUPPORT FOR GROUPS WHICH ENGAGE IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

2. IN A CONVERSATION SCHNITTGER REPORTED TO BONN WHICH PROBABLY STIMULATED THE ABOVE INITIATIVE, HE MENTIONED BONN'S CONCERN ABOUT A RECENT DROP IN TRADE WITH IRAQ (SEE CONFIDENTIAL

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REF A). BONN PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED IRAQ ENGINEERED THE DROP TO FORCE THE FRG TO BUY MORE OIL. SINCE THE GERMAN PRESS RECENTLY PUBLISHED A SPATE OF ARTICLES ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IMPLICATING IRAQ, BONN NOW SPECULATES THAT IRAQ RETALIATED WITH A FREEZE ON CONTRACTS.

3. REFTELS B THROUGH D NOTE AN EARLIER EXCHANGE WITH MFA

ON IRAQI SUPPORT FOR GROUPS WHICH ENGAGE IN INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM. WE ARE AWARE THAT DETAILED INFORMATION ON
TERRORIST GROUPS PASSES THROUGH LIAISON CHANNELS. WE
PRESENTLY VIEW THE PROPOSED DIALOGUE AS HELPFUL IN COORDI-
NATING POLICY TOWARD IRAQ OVER ITS SUPPORT OF TERRORIST
GROUPS, INSTEAD OF A DUPLICATION OF THE LIAISON CHANNEL.
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THE VALUE OF OPENING
A DIALOGUE THROUGH MONTFORT. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON RAT-
IONALE FOR IRAQI-FRG TRADE DECLINE (PARA TWO)? VANCE

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